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IRAN: ADVANCE COPIES

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 PS/SIR I GILMOUR  
 PS/MR HURD  
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 MR J C MOBERLY  
 LORD BRIDGES  
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 HD/CONS DEPT  
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 MISS BROWN  
 PUSD (2)  
 NEWS DEPT  
 RESIDENT CLERK

PS NO 10 DOWNING ST  
 SIR R ARMSTRONG )  
 ASSESSMENTS STAFF ) CABINET  
 MR LE CHEMINANT ) OFFICE  
 CABINET OFFICE DIO  
 MR F R BARRATT TREASURY

IMMEDIATE

CONFIDENTIAL  
 FM WASHINGTON 151722Z DEC  
 TO IMMEDIATE F C O  
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 4228 OF 15 DECEMBER  
 INFO FLASH TEHRAN,  
 INFO IMMEDIATE PANAMA.

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FOLLOWING CONFIRMS TELECON RESIDENT CLERK/FORTESCUE.

1. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JODY POWELL ANNOUNCED AT 11.54 LOCAL TIME TODAY THAT THE SHAH HAS THIS MORNING LEFT THE U.S. FOR PANAMA.
2. STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE IRANIANS WERE INFORMED SHORTLY IN ADVANCE. THE IRAN WORKING GROUP HAVE TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT THIS WAS DONE THROUGH THE SWISS AND THROUGH LAINGEN (ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT CONFIRM IT, OUR CONTACT THERE SAID WE COULD ASSUME THAT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY HERE WERE ALSO INFORMED IN ADVANCE). THE IRANIANS GAVE NO IMMEDIATE REACTION. STATE DEPARTMENT ARE HOPING, IN THE LIGHT OF THE APPARENTLY REDUCED INSISTENCE ON THE SHAH'S RETURN TO IRAN, THAT THE IRANIANS WILL CONSIDER HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE US A HELPFUL DEVELOPMENT.

HENDERSON